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Full Moons and Festivities

October was special in several ways. One, the events at the club were exciting and unique. Each required member involvement to make them successful. These included the Dog Show, Oktoberfest, Scotch and Cigar Night, Compass Rose Concert, Avalon Cruise, pumpkin carving, races and Halloween night. Thank you to everyone who helped to make them great!

The second reason October was special was two full moons in one month. The first was the Harvest Moon (with Mars just above the moon shining like a star!), and the second, on Halloween night, was the Blue Moon. I hope you saw them – they were beautiful! And the Blue Moon lit the way into the month of November and the holidays.

November and December are very special months at BCYC. The club is decorated beautifully, the food is extra special

and friendships flourish. Prime Rib Night Nov. 5 kicks off the Marine Toy Drive, followed by Awards Night Nov. 14. Las Commodoras will host their luncheon Nov. 19, and the club's Two for One Dinner will be Friday, Nov. 27. The club is closed on Thanksgiving.

December's activities focus on the holidays, starting with Prime Rib Night on Dec. 3, followed by Santa's Brunch Dec. 13 and Christmas Boat Parade Dec. 16-20, with Family Night on Sunday, Dec. 20. Be sure to check the club's holiday hours.

At this time of year, spending time with family and friends seems to be more important than in years past. Time is the most precious and appreciated gift we can give each other. Check the club's events for the holidays, call a friend or family member and come to the club for several hours of gift-giving.

Happy holidays!



Corinthian Cup 2020

**BCYC Witch
2020**



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Membership is Booming

It has been a very rough year for many yacht clubs around the country. Due to COVID-19 and a downturn in the economy, many yacht clubs have experienced a fairly dramatic loss of members. Of course, with a loss of members comes the resultant loss of income to support the functions of the club. Loss of income means reduced club hours, staff and club programs. Yes, it's been a rough year for many clubs. Yet, here at BCYC, we have been blessed – as of this writing, we have welcomed 18 new members in 2020 with a few months to go! Of course, gaining new members is wonderful, but it is not just about sheer numbers, but also the quality of the people who have joined. Having met each one, I can say without equivocation that all our new members are wonderful, friendly, charming and engaging, and have much to offer to BCYC. So, when you see a new member with a blue name badge, be sure to say hello and get to know them.

Welcome to our newest members: Susan and John Cleaves, Hawley Woods Gray and Robert Gray, Heidi Lynn, Gail and Timothy Munzing, and Brooke and David Wagner.

Susan and John have recently moved to Bayadere Terrace, just above the club. John recently retired from a long career in real estate and they are looking forward to meeting new people, enjoying the amenities of the club **and** their new boat.

Hawley and Robert moved to Orange County in 2018, while expanding their insurance business. They are looking forward to making new friends at the club and their son participate in the junior program.

Heidi is a private banker and was introduced to BCYC through a current member. She is looking forward to making new friends and sailing in the Harbor 20, utilizing the SUPs, kayaks and club Duffy.

Gail is a retired registered nurse specializing in cancer treatment. Timothy is a practicing family physician. They have attended numerous events at the club, including the LLS Regatta, and are looking forward to meeting fellow club members and becoming reacquainted with sailing.

Brooke is an interior designer and David is in wealth management. Both grew up in Newport Beach and have three children. Brooke's grandparents were founding members of BCYC and they have attended many events at the club over the years. They are hoping to keep their boat at the marina and their children participate in the junior sailing program.

Welcome to you all!



Susan and John Cleaves



Heidi Lynn



Gail and Timothy Munzing



Hawley Woods Gray, Robert and Jackson Gray



Brooke and David Wagner

Welcome Aboard!



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Perfect Weather for Cruising

In September, 13 boats filled with 28 BCYC members motored or sailed over to Catalina for the Junior Staff Commodore Cruise. We enjoyed four beautiful days on our boats and water toys in one of the prettiest harbors in southern California. We had dinghy raft-ups complete with yummy appetizers and crafty cocktails while still staying socially distanced. This was a great way to visit and connect with each other. A few

went ashore for a romantic dinner on the sand, al fresco, at Steve's Steakhouse. With the warm weather, many of us had to cool off by jumping in the ocean – the water was still very warm. I believe that late September and October are the best months to visit Catalina. One valuable lesson learned this weekend was never, and I mean never, leave your garbage on the back of your boat overnight. You may very well wake up in the morning and find a bigger mess than you can imagine. Thanks to Lauri and Junior Staff Commodore Steve Moffett for putting together an awesome cruise!

Our final trip in 2020 was a late-October cruise back to Avalon. There will be stories and pictures of this adventure in the December issue of *The Masthead*. BCYC cruisers were able to spend quality time on their boats while dealing with the restrictions related to COVID-19 this year.

Junior Staff Commodore Cruise 2020





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Looking Good

As of this writing, things at BCYC are looking good in so many ways. Food and beverage service not only include indoor dining with some modifications, but outdoor dining and the take-out menu still continue. General Manager Scott Jones and Chef Georges Rapicault and their staffs continue to provide the best possible services based on restrictions placed on bars/restaurants in Orange County. We are hopeful Orange County will be in the orange tier by the time you read this issue of *The Masthead*, allowing for a larger percentage of indoor dining.

So that you can plan accordingly, we do not anticipate that Sunday Night Suppers and Pop-Up Signature Dining will be available until the beginning of 2021. In order for an increase in dining capacity, we must all continue to follow the requirements for social distancing and wearing face coverings, to prevent a surge of COVID-19 infections.

Through all these restrictions and changes, BCYC has continued to provide high-quality dining and beverage services. These include delicious menu items, server friendliness and service, club cleanliness and disinfection policies, and we continue to be the “friendliest club on the bay.” Make reservations and come enjoy our club.



Activities

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Fall Activities

October 17 was our last Compass Rose Concert Series performance of 2020, at which the Grammy-nominated band, Café Martin, played their signature style of jazz/funk/fusion. The marina tenants loved listening to music on their boats, while our members, who were seated on the various patio areas, equally enjoyed jamming to the music. The 2020 Compass Concert Series has been a highlight at BCYC this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to hold events inside the club, so our best alternative was to hold the events outside. It is great to know that our members adapted easily to the new setup and still enjoyed the activities at the club.

Wow! What a great Halloween Party we had Oct. 31. It was fantastic seeing all the members dressed up in their favorite Halloween costumes. The sounds of musical artist Ron St. Clair kept the dance floor busy all evening. The night was scary and a **spooktacular** success!

The Activities Committee will be decorating the club for the Christmas holidays on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21. If you are interested in helping with this always-entertaining event, please email Artesha Harvey at bcycactivities@gmail.com.

The Activities Committee meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Make plans to join us – we welcome your ideas and assistance.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Important Stuff

Did you know that the location of club events, inside and outside of the clubhouse, are now shown on the event promotion flier? Check the Weekly Update, the club website and social media for the flier.

Did you know that proper club etiquette requires that you not let your dog sit on the patio furniture? While your dog might be comfortable on the furniture, members and their guests are not happy about dog hair on their clothing, and some members are allergic to dog dander.

BCYClub Strong @ Home and at BCYC





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C420 Sailing

During the past couple of months, BCYC has created a high-level C420 sailing team. Junior Sailing Director Aubrey Mayer has partnered with Steve Hunt, a world-class sailor, to create a training program. Included are intense clinics on the water and Zoom meetings. The results so far have seen marked improvement in competitiveness and sailing acumen. We have covered everything from starting a race, as well as fleet and team racing. The team is learning what is required to compete at the very top level of sailboat racing. It is great to have BCYC sailors working with such a great group of coaches, like Steve. We are all looking forward to competing for BCYC when regattas are back on the sailing calendar.



Junior Mariners Survey



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SHIP'S STORE

Have you checked out the Ship's Store lately? New items arrive weekly, including coffee mugs, baseball-style caps and jackets. Pick up a cozy blanket or sweatshirt, perfect for the cooler fall weather. There is always something new in the store, so take a look next time you're at BCYC!

Lori Curtin, Ship's Store Chair





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Talented Pooches and Wunderbar Oktoberfest

The Dog Show, presented by Las Commodoras, Oct. 10, was highlighted by the presentation of the Riley Memorial Perpetual Obedience trophy, donated by Staff Commodore Ted and Connie O'Connor. Riley consistently won first place in this event for many years. Winners in the obedience category and all other winners were:

Obedience: Lilly P (Parr) 1st, Lillie (Woodland) 2nd, Holly (Siever) 3rd

Look-A-Like: Lilly P (Parr) 1st, Lolly (Nash) 2nd, Khaleesi (Ayloush) 3rd

Agility: Khaleesi (Ayloush) 1st, Holly (Siever) 2nd, Lilly P (Parr) 3rd

Our thanks to Rob from The Pet Supply in Huntington Beach for all the fabulous goodies for our pups, and for his

knowledge and information of all new things available for our pets. Also, thanks to event chair Cathy Miller, support of the Las Commodoras board, and Mark and Bobbi Silvey for their help in setting up. Proceeds earned will be donated to Priceless Pet Rescue, a no-kill pet rescue in Costa Mesa.

Oktoberfest Boots and Brats was a wunderbar success. So much lively activity with our fabulous own Aged to Perfection performing country music. Line dancing lessons from Nancy Bryant, and Yodeling, stein holding and costume contests were highlights of the evening. We all enjoyed the delicious German dishes from Chef Georges Rapicault and his culinary team. The event was held on the Compass Rose – it was a perfect night. Thank you to Nancy Bryant and Lori Curtin for chairing this event.

Please support the toy drive beginning Nov. 5, Prime Rib Night. Please bring a toy for the sleigh, or you can donate cash or charge to your membership and we will shop for you. The toys go to children of Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton. Please be generous.

Las Commodoras is hosting a wine tasting Nov. 12, 4-6 p.m. Bring your significant other and make reservations for dinner afterwards. Thank you for all your support and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Dog Show



Oktoberfest





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Thank you 2020 Steering Committee Chairs

What a crazy year . . . from Steering Committee meetings at our club, in person, with over 17 committee chairs, to all of us learning to Zoom. It's been a joy to chair our 2020 Steering Committee meetings with al of you.

Thank you for your dedication!

“First COVID-19 Zoom Steering Committee



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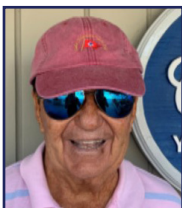
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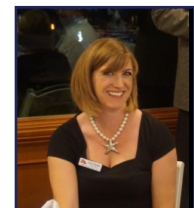
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Photos of Committee Chairs who attend Steering Committee Meetings

Southern California Yachting Association Award

On Sept. 19, Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club was awarded the “Staff Commodores Attendance Trophy” for the largest number of staff commodores in attendance at the Southern California Yachting Association meeting. Representing BCYC were Staff Commodores Mary Bacon, Ginny Eaton, Kenny Rozak, Gary Tolar and Rod Woods. Commodore Ginny Lombardi accepted the award on behalf of BCYC. Huntington Harbor Yacht Club will share this award as they were represented by five staff commodores as well. The award has been presented by SCYA annually since 1974 and was last won by BCYC in 2006.



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Time for Some Hot Rum

It’s time for the last two BCYC races in 2020...the Hot Rum races on Nov. 1 and Dec. 13. This is your last chance to have fun, and maybe win a bottle of grog to wash down all the leftover turkey.



Despite the ongoing interruption caused by that pesky COVID-19 bug, 2020 has been a really good year for racing, even though we had to cancel and reschedule many of our races. Once we “reopened” our race calendar in June, racers jumped at the opportunity to get back on the water to compete. We actually exceeded the 2019 totals on Taco Tuesdays and the Around the Islands races.

It’s also time to recognize the BCYC members who are most active and have won the most top prizes (1st thru 3rd place) on the race course. There are 18 separate racing-related awards presented on Awards Night. If you’re not able to view the awards presentation in person, look for the list of awardees in the December issue of *The Masthead*. Be sure to congratulate the award winners when you see them next – they have all worked hard at raising the level of BCYC’s reputation in the sailboat racing community and deserve a kind word. The same goes for when you see members of BCYC’s Race Committee. Some are not BCYC members and are not included in our Awards Night recognition, so a “thank you for all your effort” will go a long way in keeping them on board for 2021. A little hot rum would also work!



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A Note from our Chaplain . . .

“Whatever we are waiting for -- peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance -- it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart.”

~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

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Social Distancing *Inside*
and
Outside the Clubhouse**

